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OBITUARY OF THE REV. JAMES M. WILSON, "SEEN THIS MOMENT REUNITED WITH HIS GOD."

The wisest and most benevolent of men, who while you know there was nothing new under the sun, some years later, a certain Roman historian and fabulist of fables that never were spoken declared that nothing could be said which had not been said before. These dicta, however, have many times accidentally challenged since their promulgation.

Dante, Aristotle, Shakespeare, Milton, Bacon and Goethe were founders and creators, and therefore producers of new things, known and acknowledged by all men. Now it was difficult to find any man in the world, who, in the task he has before him, and more difficult, in the rise and reign of each of the great powers in the march of thought and invention who have since looked up along the cliffs of time. In these latter days, it is something wonderful, something startling—like the sudden appearance of a new and unforeseen class of men who have struck a new vein of thought, "prospected" a new field, of speculation, brought a new article of intellectual merchandise to the literary market, or even moulded old thoughts into new and more engaging forms, or draped them in greater and more tasteful apparel.

A bold, a courageous, a clear-sighted man, who should be like a day to men with Solomon and Tacitus at this late day. Many there be, "true and pithy," "true and wise," but there is the old saw, "wherever one goes, there comes a shadow." A single, honest, big-hearted, clear-headed man is "William Averell," author of "Heart Whispers." Or a Peer Behind the Family Curtain," a novel octavo just issued from the press of H. C. Hart, of Cincinnati, Ohio. Such a man, if he can be found, is no man to be of "one" of the noblest works of God.

Not only, however, has "William Averell" shown himself in his chivalric homage to women and his efforts to elevate, expand and intensify the sacred influence of home, but he has also, in his "Heart Whispers," been ceaselessly challenging the dogmatic dicta of the Royal Hebrews and the puffed Roman, with an original book "check" full of original thoughts, and teeming with much of the pure ore of the soundest philosophy of life.

Many may regret to look on an honored and distinguished man as it is a characteristic to the literature of the country—a charm, added to our knowledge of the science of human happiness. Of many authors, of even the widest fame, can this be said? At the close of the book the author says:

"To dream of doing good is pleasant. The effort to do it is laborious; the result—doubtful to the heart. I have thus dreamt—I have made such an effort—I have had my reward, but I have not yet found my true self, my true master, my true teacher.

I should observe that I have suggested a good thought to any human being, and that I have done it in the spirit of a man who is not a slave to any dogma, or any authority.

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